

Railroad Officials Pay Secret Salaries

**The Publicity Bureau of the Four Railroad Brotherhoods
Challenge the Claim of Railroad Officials.**

Cleveland, O.—In a statement issued by the publicity bureau of the four railroad brotherhoods, these workers challenge the claim of railroad officials that train service employees receive stupendous wages.

"The railroads give a list of a dozen or so engineers and conductors who receive fancy pay. These men, by reason of certain choice limited passenger runs, are held up as examples of what the train service men receive. As a matter of fact they are exceptional cases and are not fair examples of what the train service men receive. The present eight-hour movement does not embrace the passenger train crews—only freight men; therefore, it is not proper to use any passenger service men as illustrations."

While discussing the claims of alleged high wages paid by railroads, the brotherhoods' bureau turns the managers' gun on themselves by making public the enormous salaries and secret contributions made to managers. Report No. 6834, of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission, shows methods employed by the Rock Island Railroad. First Vice-President J. E. Gorman "was secretly paid \$18,750 per annum, making his total compensation \$43,750, whereas the pay-roll showed \$25,000."

C. A. Morse, chief engineer, received an annual salary of \$15,000 and a secret bonus of \$3,000 on the first of each year. Upon the retirement of R. A. Jackson as general solicitor he was given \$100,000 in cash.

L. F. Loree, chairman of the executive committee, had a joint contract with that company and the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad which provided for annual salary of \$5,000 for five years, and a bonus of \$500,000 at the expiration of the contract. After ten months' service, the companies wanted to be released from this contract, and "he was given bonds of the railway company of a par value of \$450,000." This was borne by the two companies and the Rock Island's proportion was charged to profit and loss.

Robert Mather, vice-president of the Rock Island, was given \$25,000 in cash, while George T. Boggs, another official, was given \$15,000 cash when he retired.

The report makes this conclusion: "The contributions to officials of the railway company in excess of their salaries aggregated about a million dollars."

The brotherhoods' bureau makes this statement:

"From the above report of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission it is plain that railroad payrolls do not always show what the officials actually receive. There is no question as to the railroads' ability to meet the demands for an eight-hour day if the funds, which in the past have been diverted from their proper uses, are allowed to remain in the treasuries of the railroads to meet the necessary expenditures of running railroads as business institutions."

DEMANDS REFUSED

And Employees of Local Cigar Factory Refuse to Continue Work.

Sixty-two employees of the Quality Cigar Factory, 25-27 Vine street, went on a strike Wednesday afternoon after their demands for better wages and working conditions were refused. The striking cigar workers are asking for an increase in pay from 22 cents apiece for making "bunches" to 30 cents, and from 35 cents to 45 cents for rolling them.

A special meeting was addressed Thursday morning at Central Turner Hall by John Gillian, President of Local Union No. 4. Thirty-seven of the strikers are women.

BOND ISSUE

Of Cincinnati Gas and Electric Approved—No Action on Objections to Lease.

Columbus, Ohio.—Permission was granted the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company to-day by the Utilities Commission to issue at once and sell \$4,500,000 of its new five per cent forty-year gold bonds with which to erect a new power station on the river bank at the site selected.

The issuance of the remaining portion of the \$15,000,000 authorized was withheld, the company not planning further sale of the bonds.

The commission, in issuing its sanction, did not pass on the question of the new lease between the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company, owners of the property, and the Union Gas and Electric Company, the lessee and operator, although objection to that lease was made by the dissenting stockholders ten days ago at the hearing when held.

The commission at that time intimated broadly it was hardly within its province to pass on the lease, even though it be a new one, its duty being limited to seeing the public get fair treatment in rates and service.

MOLDERS QUIT WORK.

Springfield, Ohio.—Between 175 and 200 molders went out on a strike today because the manufacturers declined to accede to their demands for a minimum wage of \$3.50 per day for nine hours. The request for a raise in the wage scale was made about two weeks ago. Heretofore the scale has been \$2.90 minimum, although it is stated that the molders have been receiving from \$3 to \$3.40 per day. The shops affected are The Bauer Brothers Company, the Hennessey Foundry Company, the Superior Gas Engine Company, the E. W. Ross Company, the Trump Manufacturing Company and the James Leffel Company.

MILK MEN UNIONIZE.

Toledo, O.—Approximately 1,000 Toledo milk wagon drivers will be organized if plans announced today materialize. An active campaign looking toward the unionizing of the milk men was begun today by officials of the teamsters' union.

SEVENTEEN DRUNKS

Out of 31 Arrests Last Sunday in Huntington, W. Va.

Out of thirty-one cases arraigned for hearing today in police court, seventeen were for drunkenness. Ten were charged with being drunk, four with being drunk and fighting, and three with having been drunk and disorderly.

The fourteen other cases were for various minor offenses, chief among which were charges of loitering and disorderly conduct.—Huntington Advertiser, April 10, 1916.

TO STICK BY BRANDEIS.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson, it was learned to-day, is determined to stand behind the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis, as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, in spite of reports of determined opposition among members of the Senate. Officials said to-day the President would not consider withdrawing the nomination.

COVINGTON MAN ELECTED.

Moving Picture Machine Operators' Union, Local 165, of Cincinnati and vicinity, has elected the following officers: President, J. P. Hawthorn, Covington; First Vice-President, J. S. Gelman; Second Vice-President, William Flodder; Treasurer, William Thornton; Financial Secretary, Walter Kinney; Recording Secretary, Henry Lacey; Business Agent, Edward Kirsch; Alternate Business Agent, Henry Lacey; Sergeant-at-Arms, James Hamer.

SEEK BIG INCREASE.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Formal demands for a big wage increase and better working conditions were presented to the Cleveland Railway Company by the street car men's union April 11. The union demands 40 cents an hour for all motormen and conductors beginning May 1. First year men now get 29 cents an hour and all others get 32 cents. The men demand that 25 per cent of all runs shall be 10 hours or more in length, 55 per cent shall be nine hours or more and 10 per cent shall be eight hours or more. The present agreement between the company and men expires May 1.

ADVANCE IN WAGES

To Textile Workers Given By Three More Eastern Plants.

Boston.—The advance in wages to textile operatives began April 11 as part of a movement to have the workers share in the prosperity now prevailing in the industry, was extended to approximately 3,000 additional operatives.

M. T. Stevens & Co., with three plants employing upward of 1,000 persons; the Brightwood Manufacturing Company, with 500, and the Sutton Woolen Mills, with 250 workers, posted notices of 10 per cent increases.

The woolen scouring mills of E. Frank Lewis, employing 400 operatives, and the Davis & Furber Co., makers of textile machinery, which has 800 employees, also joined the movement.

BUILDING SUB-CONTRACTS

Residence—A 2-story brick and shingle residence, to be built on Carthage avenue south of Vine street. Owner, E. Sutter; architects, Stewart & Stewart, Bell Block, Cincinnati, O. The following contracts have been awarded: General contract, Honeycutt Bros.; electric work, George Huber; roofing, A. Laugel.

Business Building—A 2-story store building, to be erected at Woodbine and Trevor avenues, Cheviot. Owner, F. Delmen; architects, Stewart & Stewart, Bell Block, Cincinnati, O. General contract awarded to Samuel Solotosky; brick work, H. Ellerding; plumbing, the Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.; plastering, Wm. Burquin; roofing, S. Peal; electric work, the Bauman Electric Co.

Residence—A 2½-story frame residence, to be built on Biddle street, Clifton. Owner, Mrs. B. C. Van Wye; architect, Chas. R. Strong, St. Paul Building, Cincinnati, O. Contract awarded to Chas. Rosenstiel & Son.

Garage—A concrete and brick garage, to be built at 2622-30 Kemper lane; owner, John Eggers; architect, E. H. Dornette, Pickering Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Excavation and foundation, Edward Meier; iron work, H. Ley & Co.; painting and glazing, J. H. Greiwe & Son; roofing and sheet metal work, Witt & Brown; plumbing and gas fitting, Schuster & Wagner; electric work, Fischer Bros. Co.; marble work, the Standard Marble Works; heating, Peck, Anderson & Peck.

Church—Additional building to be erected for the Rockdale Avenue Jewish Temple in Avondale. A Lincoln Fecheimer, architect, Union Trust Building, Cincinnati, O. Contract awarded to the M. Marcus Building Co.

Residence—A 2½-story brick residence, to be built on Springfield pike, in Glendale, O. Owner, Samuel J. Thompson; architect, G. C. Burroughs, Union Trust Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Carpenter work, John A. Albert; iron work, the Southern Ohio Iron Works; concrete, Chas. V. Maescher & Co.; electric work, Al Becker & Son; roofing, J. W. Taulman & Son; marble and tile work, C. L. Shannon & Sons; plastering, A. W. Hay & Son; glazing, G. C. Riordan & Co.; heating, Peck, Anderson & Peck; excavation and masonry, Peter Kehr & Son.

Factory—Building of fireproof construction, 5 stories high, to be erected at Riverside (suburb). Owner, the American Diamond Co.; architect, G. W. Drach, Union Trust Building, Cincinnati, O. Contract for excavation and masonry awarded to the Fischer-Dexvort Co.

Residence—A 2½-story brick residence, to be built at 3719 Dina avenue, Cheviot. Owner, Henry Starman; architect, A. Kunz, Jr., 955 W. Court street, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Iron work, the Grimm Iron Works; tile work, the Winston Tile Co.; hardwood floor, the Cincinnati Floor Co.; carpenter work, Ernest Tiemeyer; roofing, L. Neabrey; painting, A. Scheuplin; cut stone, Frank Mersch's Sons; electric work, J. M. Brangan; stone work, Chas. Reese & Son; plumbing, Riesenberger Bros.; brick work, Aug. Schulte & Son; cement work, Andrew Ranz; plastering, N. Friereich.

Bank Building—A 2-story brick building, store and flats, to be erected on Montgomery pike and Ridge avenue, Pleasant Ridge, Cincinnati, O. Owner, the Citizens Bank and Savings Co.; architects, Bausmith & Drainie, Gerke Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Carpenter work, Acomb, Hill & Co.; roofing and sheet metal, F. Scherrer; heating, the Williamson Heating Co.; plumbing, the William Hillenbrand Co.; electric work, Fischer Bros. Co.; plastering, Tarvin & Spencer; painting, Jutze & Banning.

Lodge Building—A building to be erected at Ironton, O., for the Ironton Masonic Lodge. Weber, Werner & Adkins, architects, Mercantile Library Building, Cincinnati, O. Contract awarded to the Covell Construction Co., of Ionia, Mich.

Residence—A brick residence, 53x36 feet, to be built on Beechwood avenue, Avondale. Owner, Miss Marian E. Schott; architects, Weber, Werner & Adkins, Mercantile Library Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Excavation, masonry and cement work, Archie Bell; brick and cut stone work, the David Hummel Building Co.; carpenter work, Jacob Weber; hardwood floors, the Cincinnati Floor Co.; plumbing and gas fitting, the William Hillenbrand Co.; electric work, Fischer Bros.; plastering, A. W. Hay & Sons; roofing and metal work, Jacob Freund Roofing Co.; iron work, the Grimm Iron Works; painting and glazing, A. J. Miller; tile and marble work, A. Schirmer.

Garage—A brick garage, to be built at 4033 Rose Hill avenue. Owner, Wm. Lodge; architects, S. S. & G. H. Godley, Neave Building, Cincinnati, O. Contract awarded to Charles E. Hiff & Son.

Residence—Remodeling residence on Gholson avenue for a flat building. Owner, A. J. McNair; architect, H. S. Holmes, Provident Bank Building, Cincinnati, O. Contract for tile work in bath room and porch awarded to F. Faulwetter, of Covington, Ky.

Garage—A garage, to be built at 3327 Stettinius avenue. Owner, F. H. Wittkamper; architects, Tietig & Lee, Fourth

National Bank Building, Cincinnati, O. Contract awarded to Chas. Rosenstiel & Son.

LONG DELAY HINTED.

New York.—The joint subcommittee of operators and miners which is negotiating a new wage scale for the hard coal fields discussed at a meeting the demand of the miners that the supplies used in their work be furnished at uniform rates. It was feared that there would be considerable delay in reaching an agreement on it, since the operators deem it virtually impossible to fix a price for the next two years, owing to the disturbed condition of the powder market.

MINERS WISH TO RIDE.

East Liverpool, Ohio.—Three hundred miners of the Dunn Kirk Company's mines, near here, struck April 12 when their demand that they be hauled to their places of work inside the mine on an electric train was refused. The company is willing to haul those who work more than 3,500 feet inside the mine, but declined to carry those employed nearer the mine entrance.

THIS MUST BE A JOKE

Wets Object When Schott Proposes To Address Them on Loop Plan.

Because several members of the Liberal League objected to bringing the league into politics, Rapid Transit Commissioner Chris Schott did not speak on the loop project before the league at its second annual meeting in Central Turner Hall last evening, as he planned. The matter was not pressed to a vote. President George Lahusen presided. Addresses on the liquor question were delivered by Homer Durand, Chris. Schott, Parke Johnson and several others.

A significant feature of Mr. Durand's address was a statement to the effect that in Michigan, where he had been active recently, the "wets" carried seven out of 13 counties, and he declared Michigan is safe in the wet column.

The secretary, Henry Schneiders, reported that since the last fall election the membership of the league had been increased by 1,000, making a total of 4,998.

It was resolved to hold an outing at Coney Island July 22, to be addressed by speakers of national reputation.

NEW WORKING AGREEMENT

Sought By Union Blacksmiths and Helpers of C., H. & D. R. R.

A committee representing union blacksmiths and helpers employed on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad between Cincinnati and Toledo, discussed a proposal for a new working agreement with M. J. McCarthy, superintendent of motive power of the railroad.

Roy Horn, St. Louis, general vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, said the greater part of the time was taken up in discussing shop rules.

The blacksmiths are the second craft of the Federation of Shop Employees of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad to present a proposal for a contract. Negotiations between machinists and officials of the railroad have been in progress for the last several weeks.

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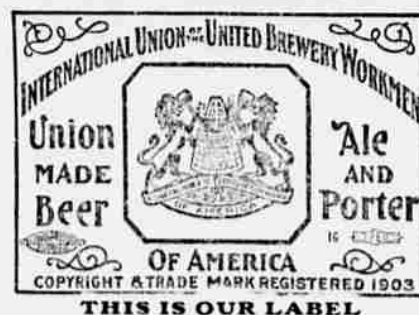
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